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TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
Easton Town Hall
14 S. Harrison Street

February 22, 2011

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PRESENT AT CONVENING

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Mayor Robert C. Willey	12 Councilmember Pete Leshner
Council President John Ford	13 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
Councilmember Kelley K. Malone	14 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, the Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Ruf.

CONVENING

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

Mr. Leshner opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2011 MEETINGS.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the February 7, 2011 meetings were approved as prepared.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey asked for consideration for the appointment of Mr. Louis Dorsey, Ms. Bonnie Chase and Mr. Glenn Daubach for a two year term on the Boards of Canvassers and Mrs. Carlene Phoenix as Supervisor of Elections for a four year term.

Mr. Leshner asked that this be tabled until he has a chance to review the nominees.

Mayor Willey discussed upcoming capital projects. He ranked them as follows:

- 1) Tanyard Branch
- 2) Idlewild sidewalk into pavilion
- 3) Handicap access at the intersection and Bay Street and Washington
- 4) Mt. Pleasant parking lot with access to the Rails to Trails property.
- 5) Brewer's Lane paving, street lights

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Mr. Karge discussed a previous retirement plan that was issued for the retirees. He asked for council approval to cash out the policies if the employee so desires. He stated that the Town would offer cashing out to employees due to the balance being so minimal. Mr. Karge stated that there will be no out of pocket cost to the Town and the employee may stay invested if they so desire.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Wendowski approval was granted to offer a cash-out from the previous retirement plan for the employees that so desire.

Mr. Karge discussed the town's previous purchase of east end property and the history of the rental inspection program.

Mr. Karge discussed the proposal to use LED street lights. He stated that there will be sample lights placed in designated locations.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

Ms. VanEmburch discussed the 2010 Census and the possibility of redistricting due to growth within the Town.

President Ford asked the Town Attorney about the noise ordinance. President Ford asked the Town Attorney to resend the options to the Council for consideration.

69 **MR. DOUG STAYTON TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING PROPOSED SIDEWALK**
70 **CONSTRUCTION ON THE WEST SIDE OF GLEBE ROAD BETWEEN THE ENTRANCE TO THE**
71 **NEW ASHBY COMMONS SUBDIVISION AND THE VFW.**

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73 Mr. Stayton, 371 Glebe Road discussed the proposed sidewalk on the west side of Glebe Road and his
74 opposition. He stated that he spoke in favor of Ashby Commons but did not know that the sidewalk was a
75 condition of the proposal. Mr. Stayton stated that a majority of the residents are opposed to the sidewalk. He
76 discussed e-mails he recently forwarded to the Council. Mr. Stayton asked the council to consider canceling the
77 project.

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79 President Ford discussed creating sidewalk systems and stated that he is 100% supportive of the construction of
80 the sidewalk.

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82 Mr. Leshner discussed his support of the sidewalks.

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84 Mrs. Cook discussed giving residents the opportunity to walk to the downtown in a safe manner.

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86 Mr. Stayton asked the Council to make a recommendation to Mr. Hause to reduce the size of the sidewalk to
87 enable residents' guests to park on both sides of Glebe Road.

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89 Mr. Karge discussed current plans in place for construction on Glebe Road.

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91 Mr. Wendowski clarified that the construction will be in the bed of Glebe Road.

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93 Mrs. VanEmburch stated that there is a Code citation that requires property owners to be responsible for
94 adjacent sidewalks.

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96 Ms. Malone thanked Mr. Stayton for his opinion and stated that she believes that this is the right thing to do for
97 the residents.

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99 Mayor Willey discussed the plan to construct sidewalks and Marlboro Road.

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101 **ORDINANCE NO. 584, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON RENUMBERING**
102 **CHAPTER 29 FOREST CONSERVATION TO CHAPTER 31."**

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104 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously; Ordinance No. 584 was
105 approved unanimously following a roll call vote.

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107 **PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE NO. 583, "AN**
108 **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING SECTIONS 29.8.3 AND 29.8.5 OF THE**
109 **TOWN OF EASTON CODE REGARDING SITE SPECIFIC ANALYSIS FOR DEVELOPMENT**
110 **IMPACT FEES WITHIN THE TOWN."**

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112 At 7:56 p.m., President Ford opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from the council and audience.

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114 There being no questions or comments, President Ford closed the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m. He stated that
115 comments could be forwarded until close of business on Friday of this week.

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117 **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES TOTALING \$672,562.94.**

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19 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$672,562.94
20 were approved for payment.

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22 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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24 Mr. Leshner discussed attending the Mulberry Station Home Owner's Association meeting. He said they are
25 attacking issues of mutual concern such as construction issues that have cropped up in that neighborhood.

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27 Mr. Wendowski discussed attending with Mayor Willey a small business breakfast which was a roundtable put
28 together by SCORE for small business owners to get together to discuss problems.

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30 **ADJOURN**

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32 At 8:01 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously; President Ford
33 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk